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DECISION



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-203096

DATE: May 20, 1981

MATTER OF: Baltimore Council for Equal
Business Opportunity

DIGEST:

26694
[Protest of Department of Commerce Grant Award]

GAO will not review propriety of Federal
agency's individual grant awards.

The Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity (Council) protests the decision of the Department of Commerce to award grant No. 03-10-67003-00 to Commercial Credit Services Corporation to provide management and technical counseling services to minority enterprises. The Council claims that the agency made the grant prior to a review of its proposal and it does not know why its proposal was not selected even though it has requested a debriefing that the agency has not scheduled to date.

Pursuant to our Public Notice at 40 Fed. Reg. 42406 (1975), our Office will consider complaints from prospective contractors concerning the awards of contracts by grantees under Federal grants in order to foster compliance with grant terms and with statutory and agency regulations. However, as the Public Notice indicates, it is not our intention to interfere with the functions and responsibilities of grantor agencies in the making and administering of grants. For that reason we do not consider the propriety of individual grant awards. All Indian Pueblo Council, Inc., B-190092, September 22, 1977, 77-2 CPD 219.

The protest is dismissed.

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